

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RIVERFRONT ACTIVITIES
AND BASEBALL**

April 5, 2004

5:15 PM

Chairman Lopez called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Lopez, Gatsas, Guinta, DeVries (late), Smith

Messrs: Tom Clark, Randy Sherman, Frank Thomas, Bob Brooks,
Emmett Hayes, Tim Riley, Joe Sheehan, Mark Daber, Ed Steek,

Chairman Lopez addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Updates regarding Gill Stadium and new stadium.

Chairman Lopez stated the purpose of this meeting and the time element we have here, and I know there's a presentation on the new stadium, so I'd like to go right in that so we can get that out of the way because it's a major component of this. Mr. Thomas please lead here.

Alderman Gatsas asked are we going to have the ability to recess this meeting and continue or are we going to stay within the time constraints that are offered to us?

Chairman Lopez answered we're going to go through a process here and once we go through that process then we can that decision afterwards.

Frank Thomas, Director of Public Works, immediately I'd like to turn this over to Bob Brooks of Parsons/Brinckerhoff to give a status report on the new stadium.

Bob Brooks stated at our last meeting, which is over a month ago, the committee had asked and had pointed out that GMP is required. In anticipation of that, for the past few months we've been in the process in doing our due diligence. By that I mean we've been taking a look at other contractors in order to obtain some pricing for the new ballpark. To that end, I asked our instruction group within Parsons/Brinckerhoff to give me the names of various contractors who had experience in new ballparks, who had experience in design/build, who had

experience in dealing with New Hampshire contractors and subcontractors. We contacted those outfits and Payton Construction came forward, said that they were interested, said that there was a history. They had originally taken a look at the ballpark over a year ago and submitted some credentials at that period in time. So they had been tracking the ballpark all the way along, they were very much interested in providing us with a price for the new ballpark. I'm here to present tonight that over the past month we've been evaluating Payton and others and Payton has come forward with a GMP for the new ballpark of \$19 million. That \$19 million is you take a look at the development agreement signed in July of 2003 is very similar, I think within \$100,000 or so of the price of the new ballpark in that development agreement. During the past month I've been taking a look at the original plans that HNTB developed, they've been working with HNTB on refining those plans and they are here tonight to present to you the new ballpark. As late as last week we were working with HNTB and we asked HNTB over the weekend to come up with a rendering that depicted the new ballpark. I might say unfortunately it's to standards of HNTB and within the month you will have a different rendering. They have failed to put in the clock towers, which are a key part of the element, similar to the Jefferson clock towers that are along the riverfront today and I'm sure within the presentation Payton will point that out. There's been some modifications to the earlier design. Those modifications really are our refinements. They are, for example, the home team clubhouse was originally on the third base side, is now along the first base side. The reason for that is that it is a consolidation of office space. Rather than spread it out along two sides of the ballpark, it was more cost efficient the one side of the ballpark and maintain the same program. It was easier to consolidate it into one side of the ballpark to reduce all the HVAC types of elements; rather than along two sides, one side. So there's been some refinements along the way. I might mention the ballpark outfield, which was originally sheet piling. There's now going to be a type of MSC brick wall and that brick can be tinted to really reflect the nature of the buildings along the riverfront. So while you're sitting in, not only the exterior of the building, but also the interior of the building and we're also working with Rodella on their hotel to make sure everything blends in when you're sitting in the stands to the outfield. We also have changed the batter's eye in working with the Rodella. Rather than have billboard type of configuration out there, we're going to have staggered plantings of evergreens to create that batter's eye, that solid background in the outfield, in center field. So there's been some refinements along the way and what I'd like to do now is turn it over to Payton Construction who will present the new ballpark.

Emmett Hayes, Vice President at Payton Construction stated I want to thank you for the opportunity to be here tonight and to present the new ballpark to you. With me from Payton at the table is one of my senior estimators Tim Riley. He can go over in detail the estimate that we provided to the owner and Bob Brooks. Again, a GMP of \$19 million. Behind the railing I have here with me to answer any

questions you may have, the senior project manager on the Brockton stadium we built recently, Joe Sheehan. He also will be the senior project manager on this project. To my right I have the project superintendent, who again, worked on Brockton, originally from Manchester. He likes to tell me he still owns property and pays taxes, Mark Dager. Also next to Mark is an important component of our team, it is Ed Steek, he's a senior estimator for us, but he's really the site estimator, which is very important in this site, because this site is a complex site and has a number of issues that we had to address and we think we've done that. We know we've done that in order to answer the questions that many people have. With that, Bob has already mentioned to you, I'll reiterate it, Payton is excited about this ballpark. We actually watched it and tracked it. We made overtures to people way back and gave our credentials and a few weeks ago we were contacted and asked to give pricing on this ballpark. We made it very, very clear that we wanted to build this stadium, the company president, Bill Payton, made it clear to everyone on our team that we knew that there was already a contractor selected but in order to convince people here in New Hampshire that we could do the job for them, that we would have to be very competitive, show them without any doubts that we could get this job done with a real schedule, with real pricing, for the price that they needed. What you have now in front of you is the ballpark. We have changed it in some areas. The most important thing that you need to hear, at least what we heard from the very beginning from the owner, was that the seating was off limits, we couldn't change it; the number of suites was off limits, it had to be the same; the decks on both sides were very important as was the club deck; it had to be included as well. They made it clear that we could say money but not skimp in quality of program, and we have done that. This is a program that involves a 12 months construction schedule. We are fully prepared to have this job done for you so you can play ball next April. We expect steel on the site in mid July and we'll be holding later this week an open forum at a local hotel inviting all local subcontracts to come, present their qualifications to us, so that we can include them in the process of building this.

Mr. Brooks stated just a couple of comments. When Payton came to us we gave them direction. Number one: there are certain league requirements. Naturally we have Rule 58, that's a requirement. There's already been an agreement in principle with the league on the number of suites, the number of seats, and I want to clarify the number of seats. There's been some numbers in the newspaper. The number of fixed seating that doesn't include the party area, just the number of fixed seatings is 6,475. The other elements we asked them is they had to maintain the quality of the ballpark, similar to the other ballparks that have built around the country for AA ballpark or else the Eastern League would not approve it; let alone the City.

Mr. Hayes stated this is the ballpark. We would mention to you that we have already entered into an agreement with our field consultant. For those of you who watched the Red Sox last night play in Camden Yards, the gentleman who was

responsible for building that field is the same one that will be building Manchester. His name is Roger Bossett, he's the groundskeeper for the Chicago White Sox and builds numerous major league baseball fields. He will be the one installing the field. We worked with him in Brockton. He has an excellent reputation in the industry and the field that we installed in Brockton won last year an award for the best playing surface in the independent league. So the field we believe is major league caliber. Roger Bossett is our consultant who will be the person installing that field for us. Thirty-two suites. Tim could you please go through some of the field layout.

Tim Riley, Payton Construction, stated we're looking at the field level plan. As you can see that the office areas are at the same location. We've worked with the ball team on tightening up some of the areas within the office; it is essentially the same square footage. Under the previous iteration of the plans, the team locker room was along the third base side of the stadium and it's now been consolidated along the first base side of the stadium. It's the same square footage; we're still meeting the owners program and we're in compliance with Rule 58. The reason we did this was to cut down on the perimeter construction area, which was driving the cost under the previous set of plans. The next level is the concourse level of the stadium. It shows the layout of the seating bowl. Again, there have been very few changes to these areas. We're maintaining the same number of seats throughout the stadium. The concourse concessions areas, the concourse restroom areas are exactly the same under the previous set of plans. Again, we're looking at the suite level. We still have the 32 suites; either end of the stadium we still have the two party decks. At the back of the stadium we have the club deck. Originally we looked at deleting the club deck under the value engineering. After talking with the team we found out this was really an important part of the program and brought it back into the budget.

Mr. Brooks stated one thing I think Tim is going to highlight right now is that they're using a different construction procedure than what we envisioned. First we envisioned doing the piles and foundations and then the steel. Based on their experience on building these stadiums, right now they're going to be building the dugouts in the field, they're going to be wrapping around construction from one end to the other and it's going to be a large cost savings in doing it that way. I think they have some slides showing you the way Brockton was built.

Mr. Hayes stated as Bob indicated, some of the cost savings when we talk about how we're able to reduce the cost, one involves the use of what is known helical piles. It's a new technology, it's a New Hampshire firm, they've done work throughout Manchester and New Hampshire. We argued and the owner and HPNB agreed that it was a superior system and it also saved money. It does not vibrate, does not cause vibration, there's some site issues here that we had to contend with. There's contaminates on the site, it all argued that we move to a new technology.

The helical piles was the right technology and it saves money. Bob talked about it earlier about in the outfield area, their plans called for sheet piling, we prevailed on them that it would be better to have a versalock type of a wall system for a couple of reasons. We thought it was better looking system, but also as Ed Steek behind be pointed out, given the contaminates on the site, the sheet piling potentially had a problem down the road. And so again, we presented it, they agreed, we save money, we think it's a better and superior system. We spent a lot of time working this site to make sure that we balanced it. And by balanced I mean moved earth from one section of the field to another section of the field and literally kept all of those materials on site in order to avoid the costly exercise of transporting some of the contaminates on this site. Again, we believe it saved serious money for the people of Manchester. It's a balanced site. We think it's a better site, we presented it to Parsons/Brinckerhoff, they're people have reviewed and we think we've got the job done for you. Tim talked about the other modifications a moment ago, but again, we presented them to the owners and to Parsons/Brinckerhoff, it involved making some modifications to the suites, for instance. The same number of suites fit out similarly, but we changed the way the plumbing went in. We saved money by backing the sinks against each other and saved money. We virtually went through this entire project knowing what we had done in Brockton because the situation in Brockton was very, very similar. We had a very tight schedule and we had a set of drawings that once you priced them out was way beyond the ability of the local people to fund it. So we had to go through that exercise in Brockton and we were able to draw upon that experience that we had in house and we went through all of the items. Some of them we picked up more money. The field for instance, we think we saved a significant amount. The pile system we saved big money on, but we literally went through the entire project and made a series of recommendations. We also took the time to fly out to Kansas City because we knew that in order to get the job done, we would have to sit with the architects, HNTB, and present to them our ideas on how to save money. We did that, Tim Riley, Joe Sheehan went through that exercise for two days several weeks ago, presented them with our ideas on how to save money, again, it gives you today what we believe to be the beautiful ballpark at \$19 million. I know you have questions. What I'd like to do is get into very quickly some of the things that we did in Brockton so you can see what we're going to present to you here in Manchester. When we were first called in and asked to participate in a cost analysis here in Manchester, the very first thing we told the people was that we would put your field in this fall and they looked at us and said, what are you talking about. We said we know that if you're going to play ball next April, our job is to get the field in this fall and make sure that you can play come April. We do not have the luxury of trying to lay sod in March or February hoping the weather will cooperate. We know that and if you look at the site here in Brockton, you see where we're putting in our foundations but over to the right is fenced off, is the completed field that Roger Bossett and his crew of people had already put in. We will do the same thing

here in Manchester. This is a picture of us early in the spring assembling the seating area, plus more pictures of the seating going in. In Brockton they have fewer suites. Your stadium literally will just continue off to the right. You have a lot more suites than Brockton had and it extends down both fields. Also pictures of the stadium being completed. This is a picture showing you the independence between the stadium structure and the building structure, which is the same type of a system that we'll be using here in Manchester. Here's the playing field is completed, you see that construction is still ongoing with the stadium. We will have your field in this fall. We have a schedule, it's a real schedule, we know that the steel needs to be on site in July, it will give us sufficient time. In fact we probably have a luxury in this stadium more so than we had in Brockton, we were delayed in Brockton, we literally didn't being putting steel up until I think the first week in February and we met the deadline in 15 weeks so they could open up on opening day. This is the completed Campanelli stadium. I point out a couple of things to you. The silos were put on top there; this is adjacent to the fairgrounds in Brockton and they have silos adjoining, so the owners and others wanted to have a silo type of a system here. We found them, we did them, we put them in, we're not suggesting it for your stadium at all.

Mr. Riley stated we're going to have the Jefferson steer towers on our plan.

Mr. Hayes stated these are the suites. Very similar to what I think we're building out here in Manchester. These are some historic signs and, this was part of a contest that the people of Brockton used in order to involve the community, and they wanted to share some of the historic nature of Brockton and the people got involved choosing some signs and we reproduced them for this particular wall.

Mr. Brooks stated as part of our process of presenting Payton, Payton has also indicated within the next few weeks they would like to get a school bus and bring you all down to Brockton to take a look at the new ballpark down in Brockton. It will be open to any of the Aldermen and any other City officials and what I'd like to do right now is present to Frank Thomas the GMP for \$19 million.

Chairman Lopez stated we'll take you up on your officer of going down to visit and I'll let Bill [Jabjiniak] and the Mayor's office work that out as far as finding out what date we can go down and coordinate with the committee. Frank do you want to add to this? Have you signed off on this according to the development agreement?

Mr. Thomas answered I have given written approval to this contractor. This contractor has experience in similar type construction as mentioned. This is a tough site down in Brockton. It was an urban fill site similar to Manchester's site and in addition I verified that they do have bonding capacity. Their total bonding capacity

is approximately \$300 million. They have more than adequate capacity for this project. So based on the fact of their experience, proven track record, and the fact that they can be bonded, I have stated that they are an acceptable contractor to do construction in the City of Manchester.

Alderman Guinta stated first I'd like to thank you for coming and presenting today and I would hope that we can get through this evening, answer the questions that we have as a committee, and try to come to an understanding as to when the development of this project will actually begin. But I have a few general and specific questions. I really see three areas of major concern. The first of which, and I don't know that this is really directed to the construction team, I'd like to talk a little bit before we get into the discussion of the construction. Some of the legal ramifications that we may face as a city as a result of this change.

Chairman Lopez stated let me interject something, Alderman. The legal documentation that we received, we're not going to speaking in the terms of legal...this person saying this or they say that, that's up to the legal people to take care of this. I think I want to point out that under the development agreement under 2-10 we have designated Frank Thomas as our representative to sign off on these projects. I hope that you're familiar with that and that counsel with the City attorney, that's what we're dealing with. Is not the owner being Drew Weber has the right to pick his own contractor and whatever disagreement they have with whatever party, I believe that they'll take that as a separate issue. Would you agree with me, Tom Clark?

Tom Clark, City Solicitor, answered the City has taken the steps it needs to take. Any legal disputes either through the prior contractor or the present contractor are with Drew Weber's group and not the City. That's why the documents are drafted this way and I don't believe the City's liability is that great.

Alderman Guinta stated if I could have the courtesy of completing my question, you'd find that that was not my question. My question...

Chairman Lopez interjected I just wanted to point that out to the committee.

Alderman Guinta stated but that is not my question. My question with respect to legal ramifications, we've discussed over the last three weeks or so what happens when we receive a GMP. My question is now that we have a GMP, what is the City's obligation with respect to going forward and building the project? And the reason I ask the question is if you look at this project, it's sort of separated into two projects now. You've got the baseball side of the project; we have the hotel and condo side of the project. My concern specifically is are we required by contract to go forward given the fact that the agreement I believe requires \$40 million in

assessed value and I'm not sure that we have that or I'm wondering I guess if we're sort of in a gray area at this point given the negotiations with respect to the land.

Mr. Thomas stated I can try to start off answering and then I'll turn it over to my sidekicks here. It is my understanding that there are letters of credit up, guarantees up so that if for whatever reason the residential development does not move forward immediately, it should not hold up the stadium project because there are those letters of credit that will guarantee payment on the bond for a short period of time. In addition, you're talking about two separate parcels so that the parcel that the stadium project is on is not tied up in any manor whatsoever, that maybe the residentially parts are regarding subdivision and moving ahead in that direction. As noted previously, even if this particular residential developer does not move forward, there is an option on the part of the City to move forward with another private developer. I guess my opinion the bottom line is that we can move forward separately with this project.

Alderman Guinta stated I appreciate that. Are we obligated to move forward at this point?

Mr. Clark stated Alderman, I believe we are committed at this point to move forward. The \$40 million in assessed value has been certified by the Assessors, which was the trigger to selling the bonds. The bonds have been authorized and we now have a GMP and I believe we're committed to move forward.

Alderman Guinta asked is there any provision in the agreement for delays with respect the hotel or condo development?

Mr. Clark answered they have deadlines within the agreement now. They've been working on those and they were going to come back to the committee with revisions on those dates.

Alderman Guinta asked say that again please.

Mr. Clark answered they were going to come back and appear before the committee asking to amend some of those dates, if I understand it.

Alderman Guinta asked who is they?

Mr. Clark answered the hotel and residential.

Alderman Guinta asked to push them back?

Mr. Clark answered I can't tell you what they're going to ask you to change to. I know they're going to ask.

Alderman Guinta stated I assume they're not going to look to push them forward.

Mr. Clark stated I believe the residential has indicated to the committee that he's ready and willing to get into the ground as soon as possible.

Alderman Guinta stated this issue is pretty essential. Really what I'm driving at is if one third or two thirds of the project is delayed, we need to make sure that we have a mechanism in place to pay for the bonds, number one, and number two we need to have a clear understanding of releasing funds to the construction company. Which is why the issue regarding approval of change of contractors is important as well.

Mr. Clark stated as has been stated already, if there's a delay in either the hotel or the residential, the letters of credit kick in.

Alderman Guinta asked which letters of credit? Are you saying that we can tap into a letter of credit provided by Art Chinburg or David Rodell to pay for...?

Mr. Clark answered for the bond payment, yes.

Alderman Guinta asked would that be a prudent decision? Would that be a prudent decision if we had to get into that?

Randy Sherman, Deputy Finance Officer, answered although the two deals are certainly intimately interwoven; they really are two separate deals. But there is a cross protection between all of those documents. Tom is right. You have letters of credit from the developers and we'll separate the land developers from the stadium developers. Those letters of credit are in place to guarantee payments in lieu of property taxes to pay the debt service. Your debt service is being paid in three components. Part of it is being paid from the lease from the team, part of it is being paid directly by 6 to 4 to 3 as a component of \$2.5 million of the debt service, and then balance of it comes from the property taxes. In order to guarantee that we have sufficient dollars from the property taxes, that's where we came up with that \$40 million. Knowing that there probably would be a phase in in those assessed values coming on the books, that we required them to put up three years worth of property taxes of a \$40 million assessment and I think the schedule that we handed out at one of the earlier committee meetings was, is by next year we only need about \$8.5 million of that assessment to cover the debt service. If we're shy on that \$8.5 million, that's where we have the letters of credit. And yes, those letters of credit are used to pay the debt service for the stadium. That's how they are interrelated.

Alderman Guinta asked Randy, so what happens if we don't come to an agreement with Downtown Visions with respect to a sale price of the land? In effect, you can't build.

Mr. Sherman answered they still have the lease, the hotel could probably go forward with leased land, rather than purchased land. The retail component that's on the north side could go forward on a leased lot. On the backside, I think what Mr. Chinburg has said is he can't do townhouses unless he owns the land. What that would force him to do is to look at rental property rather than the townhouses and if he didn't think that that worked, what you have is the letters of credit and \$1.6 million of that is Mr. Chinburg's, to pay any shortfall on the property taxes that we need to pay the debt service, and then Manchester Downtown Visions would have to find another alternative development to get up to that \$40 million. In essence, what you have is you have three-year protection against that \$40 million assessed value. Now even if we're phasing it in, you actually have more than three years, because you don't need the full \$40 [million] until like year three. But that gives them a period of time to bring in alternate development.

Chairman Lopez stated I'm going to interject at this time because we went through this so many times and I want to stick with the stadium, with the contractor. The other development we can get into. Frank Thomas has been designated, I'll say that again, by our representative. He has stated that he has accepted the \$19 million. Really concentrate on the new stadium. I would appreciate that. I don't have too much time, I'll be recessing the meeting until next Monday, if that is the case, if we're going to go and rehash everything all over again. So I would appreciate very much that we stick with the new stadium. Not that those points that you're making are not important, but it's been said so many times and we can say them again at the next meeting.

Alderman Guinta stated I appreciate your comments Mr. Chairman, but it was only last week that this committee determined the assessment of the land value and now we have to go through a process by which we sell that land and it seems pretty clear that there will be some sort of delay, which is absolutely going to impact the development of the baseball stadium. So I think that before we even get into the questions for Payton, we need to make sure that we're all very, very clear on this portion of the process in terms of payment of the bond. I would argue that constituents and residents and taxpayers would like to be very clear about that process and about where the money is going to come from. I think it's a worthy...

Chairman Lopez stated and I agree with you, but the issue that is at hand is the new stadium, been offered \$19 million, been accepted by our representative, Frank Thomas, that we have given him the power to represent the City. So I don't think where the issue is here and we can go over the development, we can go over the

hotel any time, there's nothing to do with the new stadium and Payton building the stadium for us in my viewpoint. Now if staff disagrees with me, they can stand up.

Alderman Guinta stated okay then I'll get into the GMP. Could I have a copy of the GMP?

Mr. Brooks stated it is a standard AIA contract, there are additional attachments that are probably a couple of inches thick, which refer to plans and estimates that we have available, they're not here tonight, but we'll certainly make them available, that's no problem. It's actually part of the process to make all of the documents available.

Alderman Guinta asked do you have a specific cost? Do you have a breakdown of this?

Mr. Brooks answered yes; it's a full detailed breakdown. There's probably close to 200 items maybe.

Alderman Smith stated I'm glad you're addressing that, because as of right now we don't have anything. We just have a site plan. But in regards to the stadium, could you tell what changes are in explicit form, whether it's going to be brick, whether it's going to be duracrete. All I have is this picture by the architect from Kansas City and that's all I've got to go by and you've made some proposed changes. I'm a doubting Thomas and I like to get the best possible result for our \$19 million and that's why I would advocate going down to Massachusetts to look at the stadium and see what... But we don't have any figures. All I have as far as I know, is \$300,000 for engineering costs down at the new stadium. That is the only figure that has ever been presented to me.

Mr. Thomas stated if I could just jump in. First of all, you're getting a top dollar stadium for the money that is available in the project budget. \$19 million is going to buy you a top shelf facility here. It's going to be very aesthetically pleasing, it's going to be similar in construction to the one that was built down in Brockton, we have talked to the Mayor of Brockton. The Mayor is extremely satisfied, the Mayor and the residents of Brockton are extremely satisfied with the construction and also the contractor that did the construction.

Chairman Lopez stated I just want to make everybody understand once again, this is a separate deal between the owners of the baseball that hired the construction company to build us a stadium and Frank Thomas is our representative has signed off on that. So it's going forward and so I don't want to deviate from that.

Alderman Gatsas stated let me refresh your memory and probably some of the people who are sitting out there that made reference to it at least four times. The owners of that stadium are the taxpayers of this City. Nobody else but the taxpayers of this City. Frank had you had a chance to look at those 200 pages of documents?

Mr. Thomas stated I've taken a look at the GMP budget that was available last Thursday. I have copies of that in my office. I went through the various line items. Actually last Thursday I added one item that was missed for \$120,000, so I have looked at them. Have I looked at every buyout item and seen what bids were received from every subcontractor? No, and the reason for that is that we're getting a GMP. The GMP is guaranteeing the construction of the stadium as presented for that dollar value.

Alderman Gatsas asked the GMP that you have before you, have you read it?

Mr. Thomas answered the GMP that was given to me tonight was just a copy of the contract that was signed today between Mr. Weber and Payton Construction and just has a total dollar value. The detailed breakdown I do not have attached as Mr. Brooks stated. The GMP...

Alderman Gatsas interjected so I guess your answer is no you haven't looked at the 200 pages that Mr. Brooks has so eloquently described to us this evening.

Mr. Thomas replied I have looked at the 200 pages. There were some modifications made after last Thursday's meeting and a few more modifications today. No I haven't seen those few modifications that were made in the last few days.

Alderman Gatsas asked have you looked at the bonding capacity to make sure that you ensure that the City is named as the bonding capacity for the \$20 million?

Mr. Thomas answered yes. I got a letter from their insurance carrier. That was one of the things I requested. Number one, what was their limits for bonding capacity and what was the bonding capacity for this specific project.

Alderman Gatsas stated the bonding capacity is not my questions, because obviously they can start four other projects tomorrow and their bonding capacity could exceed what that limit is. Do you have a bond that specifically states for \$19 million that the City of Manchester is able to engage on?

Mr. Thomas answered I don't have a copy of their bond in hand yet. No. I just received the contract that was signed today. The bond I will receive within the next day or two.

Alderman Gatsas stated Mr. Chairman, I would think we would recess this meeting. I don't think any decision should be made on anything on a \$19 million project.

Chairman Lopez stated the decision has already been made, if I remind you and Tom Clark can weigh in on this. We've given Frank Thomas that authority. He is designated as a representative of us. Now he is well qualified as we all know and we gave him that authority and Tom is you want to weigh in on this. When we did this it would be helpful because this committee is...

Mr. Clark replied the committee asked Frank Thomas to take charge of this project back in October of last year. The decision that has been made is that 6 to 4 to 3 has hired Payton Construction to do the project.

Chairman Lopez stated we are going to recess this meeting and we're going to recess this meeting. I don't want to hold all of these people up tonight and the contract of the new stadium and everything else has been worked out with Frank Thomas and so therefore I'm recessing this meeting until next Monday at 5:15 PM.

Alderman Gatsas asked can we recess until next Tuesday?

Chairman Lopez stated we'll recess until next Tuesday. The time will be 5:15 PM.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee